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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Anderson, Billy, et al.

Art Unit: 3732

Appl. No.: 09/698,493

Examiner: Priddy, M.

Filed: October 27, 2000

Atty. Docket: LN.014C43

For: **Composite Bone Graft, Method of Making and Using Same**

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AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, making a response due on or before April 3, 2002. Please amend the application and consider the remarks, as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by providing the following paragraph at page 21.

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"Figure 45. Figure 45 illustrates a cross-section view of a preferred bone implant including two cortical bone portions having a single depression provided on one portion and a corresponding depression provided on the other bone portion to provide an interlock between the bone portions and a cortical bone pin provided parallel to the interface of the bone portions, partially traversing the bone graft."